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# Gawd Save the Single Tax.

trying the Single Tax nostrum on the Glasgow "Forward." It is notorious that all the great successes of Henry George in the Single Tax line come from some Timbuctoo six thousand miles away. So with this "Landowner", who claims to own land in South Africa, where he alleges the "Transvaal Government" has Single Taxed the landowner out of existence. Not only that, but

"The South African landowners are now compelled to give back without compensation to the poor Kaffirs the land of which they were robbed a century ago, and this demand monstrous in the eyes of lawyers and landowners in Scotland—is to me, a South African landowner, the source of special joy to my heart and relief to my conscience. And surely, if it is a joy to me to give back their land to the poor Kaffirs and Hottentots, it will be a much greater joy to Sir Hugh Shaw Stéwart, the Duke of Argyle and all the noble patriotic landowners and lawyers of Scotland to give back to their poor fellow Scotsmen the land of which they have been robbed."

Mr. F. A. W. Lucas, our Single Tax apostle, will be flattered with the results, as reported from Scotland, of his propaganda. But surely his efforts have somewhat miscarried, it was never the intention to single-tax the land back to the native.

Well, we don't know in what part of the Transvaal the above fair Arcadia exists, but we happen to know of a place in South Africa where the Single Tax system is in full bloom, namely Zululand.

There the natives have unrestricted access to about a 100 acres each of good land,—the land for the people an actual fact. But that communal state is by no means a happy one. It is a community of misery. Why?

Because, not land, but the machinery of production is the boss to-day. The natives in Zululand, except by hard labour, and suppression of all those qualities which make a good native, cannot get capital—or tools—to work their land. Consequently there is not a Zulu hut in all that fair Single Tax elysium but has one or more members wage-slaving for the white man. The Zulu has not the tools of production, and the land is only a clog on his development in consequence.

Oh, but the native is indolent. All right, let us get a bit further. Zululand is fringed with sugar cane grown by small farmers. All these farmers had to get capital to start with to qualify for their position. What is that position? In the centre of each little group of farms is a sugar mill, owned by one or the other of the great sugar combines. The planters have no control over the mills, they have not the capital. Some of them made a move to have a mill of their own the other day, but Huletts' and Co dropped on them like a hawk. He compelled them to sign a ten years agreement or get all their cane rejected by the mill that year. They were beat. They have the land, but they have not the capital. Not having the capital, they are glorified boss-boys for the

mill-owners.

The exploiter to day is the industrial capitalist. From his extortion of surplus values from the sweat of the workers are paid all the rents and the taxes. Nothing can expropriate the exploiter except the solid industrial organisation of the working class. No Land Values Tax will ever do more than to extend the sway of Capital over Land,



# What Industrial Unionism involves in S.A.

It was recently proposed by the Management Committee of the L.S.L. to call a conference of 'industrialists' to discuss how best to bring present industrial organisation up to date on class struggle lines. Is it not one essential that any such organisation, to be thorough, shall forthwith boldly embrace the lowpaid 'unskilled' workers, to wit, chiefly the non-whites—not merely as auxiliaries in the white man's fights, but on the contrary, as constituting in this country the bulk of the working class, in whose cause the more fortunate few should rather consider themselves as in their turn the auxiliaries? The time is admittedly past for the movement. to be run by more or les middle-class observers, looking down as it were from a balcony, no matter how sympathetically, on the hardships of the toiling mass below. Even the semi-masonic lodges of artisans, called Trade Unions, banded together chiefly to maintain their own higher rates of pay, tend to adopt at best that attitude towards the organised proletariate. Now, by all means let middle-class people adopt the Socialist standpoint; hut beware lest Socialists adopt the middle class standpoint: as in this country all whites are too prone to do.

The colour bar is the coming divider of Labour, as indeed the unskilled bar always has been. A white miners' strike against coloured labour as such can only cause him that sitteth in the Corner House to laugh. The proposed amalgamation of the white unions in the building trade will be only an academic achievement: just as it leaves out the labourer, in a printers' assistants' strike, it is for the skilled journeymen to espouse their unskilled fellows' dispute, a preference even to their own,

It is not enough to abolish the colour bar in the Unions so long as the coloured mass de facto remain outside. It is not a question of teaching the nigger Socialism: only help him to appreciate the simple implications of his own actual economic position, and the time will come when, instead of the white Unions opening their doors to their black fellow workers, they will be asking the blacks to open their doors to whites.

Beware lest the capitalist class while we cold-shoulder the native worker, seduce him by flattery to their side By means of the Black or Yellow Peril bogey, they are already setting white workers against non-whites, as they have set Allieds against Centrals and vice ver a all over the world, deluding the whites into the belief that the way to weather the competition of coloured labour is to fight the coloured labourer instead of joining with him against the common enemy. It is for us in South Africa to show the world the right and only road to 'Something now.'

All this, which the ruling class will persecute, when the propaganda gets going, more viciously than the War on War campaign, is involved in Industrial Unionism, propagation of which has recently been included in the League's objective. A hard saying, at which some, having great or even small possessions, 'may go away sorrowful,' but true, if we keep our minds elastic to the rapid development in the capitalism of to-day.

(Notes of an address given at the Trades Hall meeting on Sunday last by Com: S. P. Bunting. M. P. C).

# Industrial Unionism.

### Labour's Only Answer to Imperialised Capital.

By J. M. G.

The movement towards increased combination of International Capital, for the purpose of securing the markets of the world and eliminating competition, has been foretold by many Socialist writers in the past. It is the historic role of modern capital. It must go on finding new markets for the increasing commodities produced. by more perfected machinery. It could not be otherwise under a system of production for profit. But the inevitable end must come, for though the world is large, yet there is a limit to expansion, and when that limit is reached Capitalism will become disrupted.

The workers have to seriously consider, in view of the increased power which this combine will give to Capital, how to combat this menace. For it is a menace, and one that will wield the big club of coercion to keep the workers in subjection as wage slaves.

Their only hope is to organise industrially on a class basis. Craft Unions, with their narrow outlook of getting concessions for themselves, leading to one Union scabbing on another, conserving their own interests in opposition to the workers as a class, looking upon the interests of Capital and Labour as identical, agreeing to arbitration courts, conciliation a boards, and the many futile attempts to harmonise that conflict of interests which must go on without remission under a system where every tool required to produce the necessaries of life are owned and controlled by a small section of society, while the larger portion of society have to compete against one another in the labour market for jobs, thus keeping wages at the line of bare subsistence.

No, Craft Unions won't do. They are obsolete, and unable to deal with the mighty forces of capital; and powerless to free the workers from the tyranny of a system responsible for all the brutalising condition of poverty, slums, drunkeness, war, and climes of the vilest nature.

Craft Unions have played a useful part in the past under the simpler form of production, but are an obstacle to the organisation of the growing body of semi-skilled workers, which the sub-division of labour is increas-

ing very rapidly, owing to the perfecting of the tools of production.

Industrial Unionism is the negation of all that Craft Unionism stands for. It proposes to organise every worker of any Industry or Allied Industry in one Union, to organise them as a class, not only to force concessions from the employing class, but with the ultimate object of taking control of those industries.

The Industrial Union formed on a class conscious basis will be a compact, practical and revolutionary body, strong enough to enforce any demands from the employing class. It will recognise nothing in common with the capitalists, no truce between exploited and exploiter. It will realise that the workers produce the wealth of the world, and are compelled under the present system to hand the surplus value of what they produce over to the capitalist class, to be squandered in luxury and debauchery while they are compelled to live in slums and hovels.

They will organis; to take control and be masters of the tools, the great machinery of industry, by which they produce the wealth. Having control of these tools, they will reap the full reward of their labour, own their jobs, and enjoy the wealth they create; thus eliminating that section in society of useless parasites who toil not nor spin.

Industrial Unionism is the only hope for the workers, the only means by which they can combat such a huge combine of capital as is forming, a combine that will have the material forces of the State to keep the workers toiling to produce weak the the master class.

Let the worker pause and consider their position. Let them realisate the enormous strides Capital is taking to consolidate its power, a power such as Labour has never had before arrayed against it. Do not be misled by Craft Union salary-conserving misleaders, whose only interest is to before the workers into continuing in the old grooves of compromise.

Organise on these broad lines of class, and when strong enough form your own political party with the object of capturing the machinery of government; not for the purpose of administering it, but to abolish it and all class rule, and establish in its place the administration machinery, the same Industrial Union Committees, necessary for directing industry in the Co-operative Commonwealth.

# Colonial Expansion out of date.

In the new world of imperial capital, it means absolutely nothing to extend the splash of colour of a nations' possession on the map; says "Le Populaire," a French Socialist paper, (quoted in the Cambridge Magazine). President Wilson's phrase "too proud to fight" is ascribed to the American policy of "disdain for conquests." "We see a whole new conception of national interests, a conception fitted to a world where riches in the form of investments other than land surpass land in value by as much as land surpassed such riches in the old European world of even half a century ago."

The possession of land requires armaments. These are nullified by submarines. The capitalist inventor in the world market will soon require. universal peace as his one remaining protection. The mere pacifist is capitalism's best friend. We are on the eve of the day when, by Marx's law, capitalist competition must of necessity resolve into world monopoly. Nothing remains but the class struggle. Before we are aware of it the capitalist nations will have composed their quarrels, and the fight must be the international one of capitalism versus the revolutionary workingclass. Be up to date, and join the ranks of these.

### The Price of Victory.

The Cambridge Magazine quotes a French journalist as follows; writing November 5. 1916:

Well, we have advanced 2 or 3 kilometres. What next?... At Verdun it is just like on the Somme. We know how many men the English have list during the last 4 months. They tell us 440,000 killed, wounded and missing. Suppose we have lost the same number... or suppose we have only lost 200,000... that makes 640,000 men, and we have gained on an average, 6 kilometres. That makes 100,000 men a kilometre... To reach the German frontier we should need 250 times that number.

Without political organisation the labour movement cannot triumph; without industrial organisation the day of its political triumph would be the day of its defeat.

DANIEL DE LEON.

# The Great Unskilled.

When you have nine tenths of the workers of a community completely outside the pale, not merely of the working class movement, but of society altogether, then the Socialist needs to have strong faith. When you are told that these nine tenths of the working class are for "biological" reasons beyond hope of redemption except as cattle for the capitalist. sjambok, and that the Socialist movement must therefore exclude the black unskilled from the purview of its hopes, then it becomes a question of "good-bye Socialism." It is therefore not for the ventilation of a mere fag that the native question finds so much space in this little paper. It is the ventilation of the question whether Socialism is practicable or not practicable. (Unless you can imagine a Co-operative Commonwealth based on. slave labour.)

The transactions of the Science Congress at Maritzburg were therefore momentons in its declarations on those vulgar beliefs regarding the native, one of which is that his mentality is arrested in youth!

Quoting the Catholic Magazine, cutting from which is sent us by a comrade, we learn that Dr. Loram, of the Natal Education Department, has made some researches in this field.

He discussed with much detail the supposed mental arrest of the Native at puberty, and denied that there was any evidence of it. We are apt to forget that when Native and European children are being subjected to identical tests of scholastic progress, the Native children are really being handicapped by having to talk or write in a foreign tongue, and by having to apply their minds to interests foreign to their ordinary modes of thought. In a memory test, for example, regarding the points of cattle, a Native child can outdistance a European child with the same ease that the European can outdistance the Native in reciting the Loss of the Royal George'. The Church has always taken the ground that all the fundamemal phenomena and capabilities of man are rooted in the humanity which is common to Black, White and Brown. And it would seem that .. science is about to vindicate this view, to the confusion of the mere trader, the slave-driver and a certain class of politician.

Boss Capital will soon need to treat the native as a full blown industrial Wage-earner. Then is it not time for the Workingclass Movement to treat him as a man.

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## BOOK REVIEW.

BY S. G. RICH.

Austin Lewis. Chicago, C. H. Kerrand Co. 183 pp. 50 cents.

Here is a volume in which are elaborated and discussed those principles of Socialism which in this country are peculiar to the LS.L. The book is an answer in detail to the questions, "On whom can we rely?"

"On what methods can we rely."

The first chapter deals with the proletariat as opposed to all other possible elements in the Socialist movement. The weakness and unreliability of every other class, as a body, is clearly set forth. Proceeding from this, Lewis brings out the differences, as revolutionary factors, between the sections of the working class. He points to the fact, which many Socialists overlook, that the skilled worker is often essentially a petty capitalist in viewpoint and habit—hence unreliable as a revolutionist. He indicates the mass of the semi-skilled industrial proletariat as the valuable part of the working class. This leads, naturally, to a thorough discussion of the aims and methods of Unions; and, finally, to that vexed question, "What is the use of politics." Throughout the whole argument Lewis is clear and rational.

My own view of the book is that careful reading of it by I.S.L. members will do away with whatever confusion we may have on matters of principle. It is a storehouse of fact for the I.S.L.: it might have been written specifically to serve our needs.

Major Panchard t.ld the Recruiting Committee this week that "the preparatory work had been done... for the Resuscitation of recruiting." We suggest that the word " Exhumation" would have been better. Now that the Troyeville election is over we would further recommend to the good Major the services of a wellknown Labour electioneering agent, who is a dab hand at "resuscitations." But it recruiting has been buried once, who wants it dug up again? They sugrest women for the trains. Why not start with the old women of the Recruiting Committee! 

We must not have a patched up peace! No inconclusive peace! No premature peace! You have heard these cries. It does not follow that there wont be a peace called patched. But we have the conscripts now, and a way must be found of keeping them conscripted, in order to conscript the industrial conscripts. So the next cry will be "There you are. You compelled us to have a patched up peace; and now we need a conscript army to protect the patches."

# The Class Struggle on the Rand.

### Printers Assistants and Miners.

The industrial atmosphere is getting charged on the Rand. The adverse reply of the Chamber of Mines to the South African Mine Workers Union's demands has caused general resentment and strike talk has been general during the week. The miners have successfully pulled off two sectional strikes recently in Randfontein and Van Ryn, and this has given a salutary impetus to the Union. Mineworkers have linked up wholesale, and the reform of the Union's administration, giving increased autonomy to local branches, promises to make this improvement in the spirit of organisation a permanent gain.

As a result of the Van Ryn strike against cheap coloured labour the African Political Organisation approached the Union with a view to coming to a working arrangement. This advance from the side of the coloured men gave hope that the protest against cheap labour would not be side-tracked into a campaign against colour. But the Delegates Meeting of the Union turned down the invitation in spite of the appeals of the more far seeing members. Mr. Richardson, the leader of the Van Ryn strike, is himself a strong advocate of the inclusion of coloured men in the Union.

On Wednesday the men at the Meyer and Charlton sprung a surprize by going on strike, after a ballot, against two non-union men on the mine. Hurried conferences took place between, the secretary, J. Forrester Brown, Shanks, the white labour Inspector, Sir George Albu and Wallers of the Chamber of Mines; but the two skip-men remained obdurate, and the miners remained equally firm; with the result that they were picketting the mine on Thursday against strike breakers. The native miners have been retained above ground without any attempt to work them.

(No move having yet been made to force them into the Union by the white miners.)

Rumours and wild talk about another strike are rife, but the success
of the Union in gaining new members
is young, and the unwonted prominence given by the capitalist press to
this latest phase of Union activity
should make the men pause before embarking on a general withdrawal of

abour, which is capable of being successfully carried out only by a well organised and well tried membership.

The demand for gold in the world market is said to be less urgent. The designs for the further introduction of cheapcoloured labour is undoubted, and it behoves the white workers to come to some arrangement with the coloured and native workers before attempting a strike, which no matter how "general" can only be a strike of the upper strata. A series of local strikes to stimulate organising and to direct the aftention of the workers to their essential solidarity with all the grades of labour below is what is needed, and most feared by the masters just now.

### The Printers Assistants.

girls out on strike with men of forty and boys of eighteen, and to hear the Trades Hall stairs echoing to strike talk from the lips of new levies in the Labour movement. The refusal of the Master Printers to grant the reasonable concessions of the Printers Assistants Union will do them no good even should the Assistants not gain their point this time.

A Conciliation Board, with Patrick Duncan as chairman, having unanimously conceded the claims of the Printers Assistants, last Monday: morning it was expected as a matter of course that the Master Printers would fall in with the decision. Their point blank refusal led to an immediate withdrawal of some of the employes concerned from Hortors Ltd, and the strike soon spread to other firms.

The grades of pay have been made to look the more reas nable by the Press through their habit of referring to the "boys" a strike.

As a matter of fact the Assistants include beside girls and boys, men with families of six.

Union will espouse the cause of the Printers Assistants, and meetings of the Governing Body of the S.A.T.U are to be held to consider the situation.

Not six months ago, when forms were being sent down from Maritzburg to defeat the Typo Strike at Durban the Printers Assistants as well as two natives came out solidly in support of the Typo men.

The latest news is that the demands are practically conceded, but that safeguards against vicinalization have not yet been adreed upon.

# Spread the News.

Now is the golden time for spreading the good news of Socialism, while the workers are beginning to awake to the fact that they and the employing class have nothing in common. Help to get them to read 'The International." and leurn that their fight is with the master class and not with their Coloured and Native fellow-workers. Send in the names and addresses of workingmen who should know that only by the complete industrial solidarity of ALL wage earners, irrespective of cruft or colour, can the victory be won. Get "The International" read. and read by the workers; for in their hands almo even black hands, lies the power of diberation. Send in names and addresses. NAMES AND AD DRESSES of ALL who will read "The International.", SPREAD THE NEWS. And make new subscribers.

# The Hope of Liberation.

How different from the Craft Unionist) is the Socialist conception which underlies industrial unionism, and which compiles the sindustrial union state every possible steplostic to bi, final acquisition of the production and the tools of production.

The aim glorifies his course; internationalism, the anti-militarist campaign, an ever widening confederation of labour, more comprehensive, more human, follows in the wake of the industrial movem at; it becomes pregnant with great proprise to humanity.

It transforms the labour movement from an unco-ordinated scramble for isolated bargains into a coherent and harmonious international progress/towards a definite goal.

> AUSTIN LEWIS in The Modern Proletariat. .

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### LEAGUE NOTES.

### CAPETOWN.

comparing a holiday on the Rand, and comparing notes with the Capetown movement, generally with a distinct bias in favour of Capetown. Comrade Harrison writes that the propaganca is still going strong on the Adderley Street stump. Here the Police Sargeant intervenes to stop the meeting whenever the speeches border on what he regards as seditious! A walking censor.

JOHANNESBURG.

Last Sunday we kept the flag flying

on the Town Hall front. Comrade Buning chairman this time, and Ivon
Jones on the stump. There was an
attentive audience. The remarkable
thing is the rapt attention given to the
industrial problem. Comrade Bunting
lectured in the Trades Hall, notes from
which appear on the front page, on
the live wires of Industrial Unionism
in South Africa.

### DURBAN

The branch met on Thursday 1st at Acults Arcade, Com. Lee taking the chair in the alsence of Comrade Petterson, President.

On Sunday'n ght Com. Lee lectured on I. W. Wism, and presented the case for with his usual lucidity.

The discussion that followed, led by Compade Campbell, was quite breezy and was no doubt beneficial to all present.

We intend starting up open air propaganda again as the weather is too hot here for indoor effort.

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